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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Cohen and Sampath  
ASSIGNEE: CREATIVE BIOMOLECULES, INC.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 08/851,628 EXAMINER: David S. Romeo  
FILING DATE: May 6, 1997 ART UNIT: 1646  
FOR: NOVEL THERAPIES FOR CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE

November 9, 2000  
Boston, Massachusetts

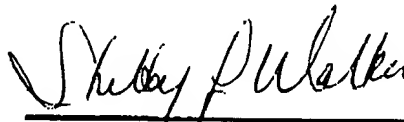
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the May 9, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before November 9, 2000. A check in the amount of \$445.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00960-515 (CRP-145). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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